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Pennsylvania

U.S. EPA Regional Administrator Shawn Garvin provides remarks in Lancaster, Pennsylvania: On March 4, 2014, RA Garvin announced *The Economic Benefits of Green Infrastructure Report* (A Case Study of Lancaster, PA) which found that green infrastructure can be a cost effective solution to controlling stormwater. The Mayor of Lancaster, J. Richard Grey, was the emcee for the press event. In addition, the 96th Legislative District Representative Michael Sturla, Lancaster Public Works Director Charlotte Katzenmoyer, PENNVEST Executive Director Dr. Paul Marchetti, and American Rivers Senior Director Gary Belan provided remarks. (Kinshasa Brown-Perry, 215-814-5404)

Virginia

Governor McAuliffe's State Secretaries Confirmed - The Virginia General Assembly has confirmed Governor McAuliffe's Secretaries and Chief of Staff to their appointments, including Agriculture and Forestry Secretary Todd Haymore; Commerce and Trade Secretary Maurice Jones; and Natural Resources Secretary Molly Ward, by the passage of Senate Joint Resolution 116. The General Assembly's 2014 Regular Session adjourns on Saturday, March 8, 2014. (Matthew Colip, 215-814-5439)

Joint Conference Call with Congressional Staff Offices Regarding EPA's Community Outreach Efforts on Duke Energy Eden, N.C. Coal Ash Spill - On Wednesday, March 5, 2014, the Virginia Liaison, with EPA emergency response staff from EPA Region 3, Region 4, and a representative from EPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER), held a joint conference call with representatives from Senator Warner, Senator Kaine, and Congressman Hurt's offices. The call was an opportunity for each congressional office to provide feedback and comments to EPA on its community outreach efforts thus far in Virginia. Overall, the feedback was complimentary of EPA's response, citing EPA's willingness to meet with communities and to provide ongoing information to the public. EPA Region 3 and 4 On-scene Coordinators Myles Bartos (R3) and Kevin Eichinger (R4) responded to questions related to the status of the response, and Randy Dietz from OSWER addressed questions related to coal ash policy issues. The call was well-received by the delegation. (Matthew Colip, 215-814-5439)

Governor McAuliffe Appoints Agency Directors - Governor McAuliffe has appointed Mr. Cyde Cristman to serve as the director of Virginia's Department of Conservation and Recreation. Director Cristman previously served as staff to the Virginia Senate Finance Committee which includes subcommittees on natural resources, agriculture and forestry, commerce and trade, and oversight of capital outlay issues. Governor McAuliffe also

appointed Mr. John M.R. Bull to serve as commissioner of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC). Commissioner Bull joined the VMRC in 2007, serving as the director of public relations and legislative liaison. (Matthew Colip, 215-814-5439)

West Virginia

EPA Announces Fines for Alpha Natural Resources - On Wednesday, March 5, 2014, EPA announced that Alpha Natural Resources will pay a \$27.5 million fine and spend \$200 million to reduce illegal toxic discharges into hundreds of waterways in West Virginia and 4 other states in Appalachia. Alpha and its companies must build and operate treatment systems to eliminate violations of selenium and salinity limits, and also implement comprehensive, system-wide improvements to ensure future compliance with the CWA. These improvements, which apply to all of Alpha's operations in Appalachia, include developing and implementing an environmental management system and periodic internal and third-party environmental compliance audits. (Mark Ferrell, 304-542-0231)

Freedom Industries Spill Site has been Secured and Stabilized - The West Virginia Congressional Delegation and West Virginia Governor Earl Ray Tomblin's administration was informed by EPA R3 on Wednesday, March 5, 2014, that the Freedom Industries spill site has been secured and stabilized for more than two weeks, and that EPOA is discontinuing their daily on-site presence. Unless conditions at the site change, EPA will not return to the site until the process of dismantling the tanks begin. Considering the multiple investigations and litigants involved, a timeframe for dismantling the Freedom Industries tank farm is unclear. (Mark Ferrell, 304-542-0231)

West Virginia Legislature Approaches End of Session - As the West Virginia Legislature approached the end of its annual 60 day session on Saturday, March 8, 2014, a Senate and House conference committee will continue to work on hammering out differences on legislation intended to quantify and regulate storage tank farms; establish tank inspection protocol and establish a long term health monitoring study related to exposure to MCHM, a chemical used in processing coal. (Mark Ferrell, 304-542-0231)

Senator Joe Manchin Delivers Keynote - Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) delivered keynote remarks at a Coal Technology Symposium held in Washington, DC, on Wednesday, March 5, 2014, and sponsored by West Virginia University and the University of North Dakota. His remarks can be viewed here: <http://tinyurl.com/mrepg7d> (Mark Ferrell, 304-542-0231)